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SUBJECT: PROPOSED LECTURES IN INDIA

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1. EMBASSY PROGRAM COMMITTEE CLEARED OFF ON ORIGINAL
USIS PROJECT ON NUCLEAR ENERGY EARLIER THIS YEAR.
ONE VISITOR UNDER THIS PROGRAM CAME THROUGH DURING
THE SUMMER -- A PROFESSOR FROM NEW MEXICO STATE -- WHO
GAVE A SERIES OF LECTURES ON NUCLEAR POWER AROUND THE
COUNTRY. THESE WENT OFF SMOOTHLY, WITH LITTLE OR
NO PRESS PUBLICITY AND NO REPEAT NO QUERIES ABOUT
TARAPUR OR INDO-US NUCLEAR RELATIONS AT ANY OF
THE FORUMS TO WHICH HE SPOKE.

2. NEVERTHELESS GIVEN THE HEIGHTENED DEBATE OVER
NUCLEAR POWER SINCE THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN TOOK
OFF, USIS TOOK ANOTHER LOOK AT THE PROJECT AND
REVISED IT AS INDICATED IN NEW DELHI 15235, OCTOBER 18
5 TO DOWNPLAY THE NUCLEAR ASPECT AND
EMPHASIS THE GENERAL THEME OF ALTERNATE ENERGY
SOURCES. I CLEARED OFF ON THIS REVISED VERSION
AND OUR INTENT WOULD BE TO STRESS VDRANY SPEAKERS IN BRIEFING
THEM IN WASHINGTON AND HERE THAT NUCLEAR POWER
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SHOULD BE TREATED ONLY AS ONE AMONG NUMEROUS

OTHER SUCH ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES. THE
OCTOBER 18 MESSAGE MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE WANTED
CONFIRMATION THAT DOUB AND OTHER SPEAKERS WOULD BE
ABLE TO DEAL WITH THE SUBJECT IN THIS CONTEXT.

3. WE ARE ENGAGED IN A DIALOGUE WITH THE GOI ON
ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES THROUGH THE S&T SUBCOMMISSION
AND THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL
WORKSHOP HERE ON THE SUBJECT IN AUGUST THIS YEAR. I
AGREE THAT WE NEED TO REVIEW PROJECTS SUCH AS THE
USIS ONE CAREFULLY BUT WE DON'T SEE A NEED AT THIS TIME
TO GO BEYOND THE REVISIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE THUS FAR.
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